THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) Cut imposed in different booths in uniform in all areas.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No such reports have been received by Delhi Milk Scheme.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) Delhi Milk Scheme has appointed Home Delivery Agents in different areas who are allowed to draw from the booths a specific quota of milk (40 litres each, at present), for selling to consumers at home. This has been done to provide home delivery service to the consumers and also to provide work to unemployed and poor individuals.

There is no proposal to stop this system.

Displacement by Narmada Sagar and Sardar Sarovar Projects

2396. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Narmada Sagar Project in Madhya Pradesh and Sardar Sarovar in Gujarat, which have been cleared by the Union Government, would when implemented, cause the largest ever displacement of population in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of families likely to be displaced as a result of these projects;

(c) what arrangements have been made for their rehabilitation and how many years are likely to be taken for their rehabilitation;

(d) whether all the oustees in the country of various dams in various parts of the country have since been rehabilitated; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, how much more time is likely to be taken for their rehabilitation and when these people were displaced?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Nearly 1.96 lakh persons about 27 thousand families in about 490 villages are likely to be affected. Rehabilitation as per norms is being provided for their resettlement prior to completion of the project.

(d) and (e) Rehabilitation is done by the State Governments and the details are not maintained at the Centre.

Charater of Demands from Blinds

2397. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Federation of Blinds have submitted a charter of demands to the Government;

(b) if so, what are the demands of the National Federation of Blinds; and

(c) what action Government have taken on the demands of the blinds?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

(c) Besides 3 per cent reservation through executive orders for the physically handicapped in Group C&D posts out of which 1 per cent is for the blind in Central Government Ministries/Departments and Central Public Sector Undertakings, the Government is considering the question of

legislation. A Committee is proposed to be set up for this purpose.

Efforts to fill up the vacancies in Central Government Ministries/Public Sector Undertakings will be intensified. The State Governments are also being requested to take similar action.

The question of reservation in promotions in Group 'C' and 'D' posts and reservation in Group 'A' and 'B' posts is under consideration of the concened Ministry

In order to create awareness about the employment opportunities for the physically handicapped, including the blind, it has been decided to observe a National Employment Week for the handicapped in the first week of October, 1987.

Statement

DEMAND CHARTER

1. The promised Legislation for the disabled be brought in the coming session of the **Parliament.**

2. Jobs for the disabled be reserved in the group 'A' and 'B' Categories as well alongwith reservation in promotions.

3. All the Blind persons registered with employment exchanges throughout the country who are about 4,000 in number be given jobs within three months that is by the end of September, 1987. This can be done by accepting the following suggestions:—

(A) A list of all the Blind persons registered in the employment exchanges be prepared and a scrutiny be made so as to prepare seperate lists for seperate jobs on the basis of the qualifications of the respective persons. Thus exercise be done at one point. For this purpose a Committee be constituted with a representative of the federation there on and the said committee be asked to complete this exercise with in 15 days.

(B) After the finalisation of the lists of various jobs a number of vacancies required for different jobs be created by a Cabinet decision and thus a special recruitment in the Central Government be undertaken for the purpose so as to absorb all the blind persons. registered with employment exchanges throughout the country by the end of September, 1987.

(C) A Committee be also constituted for monitoring the progress made in this direction with a representative of the Federation.

(D) State Government be directed to prepare a draft for the legislation for the disabled on the subject falling in the State list.

(E) Proper representation be given to the blind in the Parliament, State Assemblies and local bodies, so as to protect their interest.

(F) A Commission for the disabled be set up in line with SC and ST Commission.

(G) All facilities and constitutional protection given to backward classes be extended to the blind also.

(H) The blind Government employees be given the following facilities:—

(a) Reservation in promotion for the blind be made as is the case with **SC and ST.**

(b) All the Government blind employees be given Government accommodation within three months of their joining services.

(c) Retirement age in the case of blind employees be made 60 years in place of 58 years as they get the job at a very late stage.

(d) The conveyance allowance given to the blind be made 10 per cent of the basic salary or 200 whichever is more instead of

present 5 per cent or 100 whichever is minimum.

(e) Rate of pension to the retiring blind employees keeping in view the fact that they get the job at a very later stage.

(f) Blind employees employed as Chair recanners be given the technical grade.

(g) All blind employees employed on daily wages or are on adhoc appointment be regularised.

(I) The National Institute for the Visually handicapped Dehra Dun be converted from registered society to Government Institute. The affairs of the NIVH Dehra Dun be also probed into through CBI.

(J) Braille press be established in each state.

(K) With a view to promoting self-employment for the blind, a separate bank Loan Scheme for the blind be initiated and Soft Loans be given to them upto the limit of 1,00,000 (one lakh).

(L) A percentage of agencies/dealership of the items like petroleum products, L.P.G., Cement, etc. be reserved for the blind.

(M) A permanent identity card be issued to every blind to avail concessions/facilities announced from time to time by Central/State/Union Territories.

(N) The scholarship for the visually handicapped students be revised after every three years keeping in view the cost increase. The decision to discontinue to the inmates of Government Hostel and the persons persuing studies after M.A be withdrawn and it should be given to them as was done at past.

(O) All Institutions for the blind which are in existence for the last three years be given grant-in-aid to make them more effective and self sufficient.

(P) The Delhi Administration be directed to create regular post of Tabla accompanists and the blind presently working against the said temporary post be regularised.

Import and Export of Sugar

2398. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of sugar required for consumption in the country every year;

(b) what is the annual production of sugar in the country at present;

(c) what is the quantity of sugar in the buffer stock of sugar with Government;

(d) the quantity of sugar exported during last three years, each year;

(e) the quantity of sugar imported during last three years, each year;

(f) the names of countries where sugar was exported and the names of the countries from where the sugar was imported;

(g) the foreign exchange earned from export of sugar and foreign exchange spent on the import of sugar;

(h) whether any steps have been taken to make India self-sufficient in the matter of sugar; and

(i) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The estimated requirement of sugar for internal consumption and annual sugar production during 1986-87 season is 87 and 85 lakh tonnes respectively.